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## SGA loan plan passes first reading

By Marti Leach  
Reporter

A bill before the Student Senate may provide another emergency cash source for students low on funds next semester.

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The measure, which passed first reading Tuesday evening, calls for the Student Government Association to offer non-interest loans of up to \$50. Students would

within 30 days. A penalty charge of no more than \$5 may be charged for late loan payment.

Mark W. McGraw, SGA business manager and Charleston senior, said default on loans may result in a red flag on academic registration through student affairs. "We're still working on that, but the threat of academic withdrawal would be a good safety valve," he said. "I don't think we would have to use it often."

McGraw said \$1,000 of revenue received from student directories will be used to

January. McGraw said he would like to hand students a check within 48 hours of applying if processing goes smoothly.

Applications would be available in SGA's office in 2W29 of the Memorial Student Center.

McGraw said the system may go slowly at first because of an evaluation stage. He said they may loan to their \$1,000 limit and wait until they get the \$1,000 back or loans have defaulted before proceeding with more loans. "It all depends on how fast the loans are repaid," he said. "We want to evaluate

student response."

McGraw said Dr. Ed Miller, director of Financial Aid, was supportive of SGA's system as a supplement to a loan plan already in effect through financial aid. "There's an obvious need for additional loan services because financial aid's emergency loans are snapped up the first few weeks of school," McGraw said.

He said the loan system is needed because students occasionally do not have funds to pay bills. "It's another way SGA can fulfill its commitment to serve students."

### The persistent professor

## He just won't stop teaching

By Kristi Huff  
Reporter

Dr. Charles H. Moffat has taught more students and delivered more speeches than the population of some small towns.

And at 77, he is still teaching.

Moffat, a professor at Marshall for 31 years, has taught more than 16,000 students. In 38 years of teaching, he missed only one term in 1986 when he suffered a heart attack.

"I'm 77 years old and I'm still teaching, so I must enjoy it," Moffat said. "I like to see students mature. I've taught students who have become lawyers, doctors, pharmacists."

Moffat was recently inducted into The Wall of Fame, located in the foyer of the Huntington Civic Center. Moffat was one of six to join The Wall of Fame, which is sponsored by the City of Huntington Foundation.

Moffat earned his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt (Tenn.) University, where he worked on a teaching fellowship, and moved to Huntington in 1946. He founded the Marshall University Honors Program in 1961 and served as chairman of the Department of History during his last nine years of teaching American history. He retired in 1977.

Moffat, a Mississippi native, is still teaching twice a week at Ohio University in Iron-

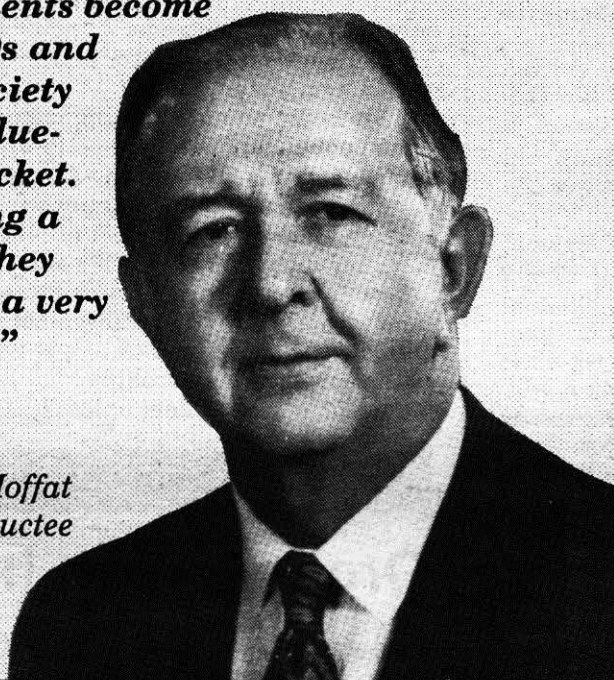
ton. Moffat has many other accomplishments besides his teaching endeavors. He has written three books, served as president for professional and civic groups and has delivered more than 1,000 speeches.

His three books, *Marshall University, An Institution Comes of Age*, *The History of Cabell County Medical Society*, and *Ken Heckler, Maverick Public Servant*, have all gained attention, but Moffat said he enjoys the public lectures and addresses most.

He has given speeches in 15 states and in three countries, Korea, Japan and Okinawa. He doesn't use note cards. Moffat, who still has his Mississippi accent, said he said he practices speeches mentally.

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Dr. Charles H. Moffat  
Wall of Fame inductee



"He is an amazing speaker," said Clayton Dunlap, Kiwanis Club member. "I love to listen to him. He doesn't use note cards, so he doesn't just read off the words like many public speakers."

"Public speaking is my lifeblood," Moffat said. "I had a lot of practice in class. I just think it through and I don't have to use note cards. You just have to practice it in your own mind."

Moffat said his greatest accomplishment is teaching students. He said the trends of students changed in the three generations that he taught.

"I saw students become radical in the 60's and try to reorder society according to a blueprint in their pocket. They were seek-

ing a utopia in what they considered to be a very imperfect world," Moffat said.

"I've observed that the trend in the past 10 years has been that students have the aim in mind at making money and have become more serious about devoting time and attention to studies because they realize that they have to."

Moffat lives with his wife, Mary, and has one daughter and two granddaughters. His oldest granddaughter followed in his footsteps and graduated from Vanderbilt. She later earned an M.A. in clinical psychology from Marshall.

"I really enjoy helping students and helping them find positions in life," Moffat said.

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## MU student arrested in infant death

By Scott A. Perdue  
Reporter

A Marshall student was arrested at 8:30 Tuesday morning in connection with the murder of her newborn son, police officials said.

Amy Pyatt, Ravenswood sophomore majoring in speech broadcasting, gave birth at about midnight Tuesday Nov. 21 and her baby was found dead on a Ravenswood lawn at about 8:10 a.m. the next day, said Sgt. Fred Donahoe of the state police.

The baby died of exposure, the state medical examiner said.

Police said they suspected a college student was the mother because the newborn was abandoned during Thanksgiving vacation. They began checking hospitals, including St. Mary's Hospital and Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington.

Pyatt became a suspect after hospital officials told authorities that Pyatt had been pregnant, Donahoe said. The baby was discovered in front of an apartment building that Pyatt's grandmother lived in, Donahoe said.

The unmarried girl apparently abandoned the infant "because she was scared and did not know what to do," Donahoe said.

Lt. W.G. Sinnett of the Ravenswood police department said Pyatt was taken to the Ravenswood police after the arrest and then was transferred to Ripley to be arraigned before Magistrate Mary Jane Jarrell.

Tina K. Rairden, Ravenswood police department spokesman, said Pyatt seemed upset. "The whole situation is very sad," she said.

Pyatt will be lodged in the Wirt County Jail until she goes before Circuit Court Judge Charles McCarthy for a bond hearing. A date for the hearing has not been set.



# Opinion

## Editorial

### Loan proposal will burn SGA

The student loan proposal being considered by Student Senate is a nice gesture, but that's about all, because of how it's being presented.

See related story, Page 1

Student Body President Tracy L. Hendershot and Business Manager Mark McGraw have put together a bill that would offer student loans of up to \$50 at no interest. Under the proposal, sponsored by College of Business Sen. Dallas McNab, students fill out an application that is almost humorous.

Applicants don't even have to put why they need the loan. We suppose students could need \$50 for a beer party or ... gasp, for those unethical students, to finance a drug habit. And hark, Student Government Association would be there to provide money for the students. How would SGA prevent students from using the money for nefarious purposes, or would they have a way to check? It's common sense to check. Ask any bank loan officer.

Another question on the application is "Can you repay this loan within 30 days?" If a student can't, do SGA officials think he or she is going to check "no"? What if the applicant does? Does that mean the student doesn't get the loan? Why ask the question?

For those students who default on the loan, there is a \$5 charge. Now there's a strong deterrent. With students defaulting left and right on Guaranteed Student Loans of thousands of dollars, do SGA officials think \$5 is going to stop defaults? We hardly think it will.

We applaud SGA for trying to help students needing financial assistance. We just don't think this is the way. SGA is depending too much on the student's honesty. Unfortunately, if this plan goes through, SGA will get burned.

## Hunters: Think about your 'sport'

The great hunt has begun. Deer season opened last week. About half of West Virginia's county schools declared a week-long holiday to allow their youngsters to join the hunt in blaze orange, armed and afire with buck fever.

Brother Jeremy and I drove to Morgantown the day before Thanksgiving and during the drive back noticed several deer carcasses strapped to auto bumpers or bouncing in pick-up beds, gutted, legs akimbo in cold rigor mortis. Between Clarksburg and Charleston, I counted 16 of these carcasses.

Jeremy was trying to sleep in the back of the van. I was wired on truck-stop caffeine tablets, and everytime I spotted a deceased Bambi I would yell, "dead meat alert," or "dead meat off the port bow!" Jeremy would pop up, observe the dead meat and return to Ford Aerostar warp-drive slumber.

This scenario played several times until Jeremy gave up the notion of obtaining even first-level sleep. Before long he was counting deer instead of sheep.

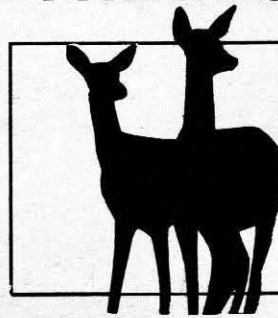
"This is disgusting," he exclaimed.

He wasn't protesting my sleep-wrecking outbursts, he was disgusted by the carnage around him. Me too. One newspaper estimated 70,000 whitetails would be "taken" in that first week of deer season. I understand the unsavory alternative to the hunt — the starvation of thousands of these animals. We are virtually the only predator of deer that hunters did not exterminate.

This is not an anti-hunting column. I am pretentious enough to hope it might stimulate some thought or promote discussion. The newspaper I spoke of used the word "taken." A hunter-biologist friend of mine prefers the to say deer are "harvested."

I differ with their choice of words. A friend of mine who is a doctor says I "split hairs" by doing so. I believe words are powerful symbols that sometimes influence the way we look at our world and how we act when we're done looking.

You don't "take" a deer unless you put it back. You



By Greg Leaming

Guest Columnist

hoping to kill the animal as quickly as possible.

I am not against hunting. Our society should tolerate very well-regulated hunting. People, particularly males, might be genetically driven to be aggressive, to stalk, to kill. Such a drive is strong in some, almost absent in others.

It has been said hunting relieves the killing imperative. If the theory holds true, then killing deer or attending gladiatorial contests — like football games — might stem somewhat our nation's aggression on an international level. I know — it's too simple, far-fetched and untested.

But were it true, I would begin to organize a grand project. I'd promise President Bush's war-hounds an extra deer tag each if they would abandon their Neanderthal pursuits in Central America.

If indeed ours is a civilized society, we must constantly question our individual actions and our motives for them. If you hunt, it's healthy to ask yourself why. Perhaps you hunt for spiritual or altruistic reasons. If you hunt for "fun" or for "sport," maybe you should question yourself further.

Once we get used to asking individual questions then we can move on to national ones. We can ask if we approve of our government lending arms and cash to thugs who "harvest" the innocents in El Salvador.

I am an optimist. I am one of those fools who believes our world stands a good chance of weathering its holocausts and plagues however monumental they seem. My doctor friend thinks I'm crazier than hell. Hope and liberty will increase for the world — nothing instant or shake 'n' bake, but over time. The Wall is dead. Perhaps if we want it enough, war and killing for sport will someday be anachronisms. Think.

## Readers' Voice

### Organization helps drug users to get clean

To the Editor:

Greetings from the Southern West Virginia Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. In response to the article titled, "I realize I don't have to stay clean, but now I want to, drug addict says," in your Oct. 17 issue of *The Parthenon*, the Southern West Virginia Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (SWVASCNA) would like to make a statement.

In Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.) we offer a program of daily recovery from drug addiction. We offer suggestions on how to get clean and stay clean "just for today." These suggestions do not include referrals to other organizations as N.A. is not affiliated with any other organization(s). Our program is comprised of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. All that is required is a desire to stop using. In the combined experience of thousands of addicts, the solution to their problem has been found in Narcotics Anonymous. The N.A. program is not for everyone, but once the addict stops using and starts working the N.A. program, it is no longer necessary to use drugs. The

N.A. program helps addicts stay clean. We make no guarantees that once an addict stops using they "stay clean forever" or that they have "stopped for the last time."

In response to the articles references to therapy and religion; the Fellowship of N.A. has no opinion on these issues. We neither encourage nor discourage participation in these services. Narcotics Anonymous is a spiritual, not religious program. We do not offer advice, counseling services or anything but help for addicts with a desire to stop using. Any comments concerning the Fellowship of N.A. in the above mentioned article are the views of that individual only and are not the views of N.A. as a whole.

If you, or your readers, would like more information about Narcotics Anonymous including meeting information or literature, you may call SWVASCNA's 24-hour number at (304) 344-4442 or write to:

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## Reader's Voice

# Afro-Americans should embrace African blacks

### To the Editor:

Permit me to air my view on "Campus not quite home for some black students." I have been following your reports on black awareness week. Very interesting, I totally agree with Marcya Cain in her complaints. Her views about black students' situation at Marshall University may not fall short of what I observe too. But first the issue is "Black Students." As much as she is raising heaven for blacks to be heard and be given their proper position in Marshall

University and the community as a whole, the Afro-Americans should first of all come home to embrace their "Next of Kins" in blood relation, the African blacks also in Marshall University.

Marcy's dispositions on the Afro-American race as to its treatments from the European Americans are exactly what is happening to the African Black from the Afro-Americans. We should all understand that black is black anywhere in the world. Most of the African blacks on campus are citizens or residents of the United

States. It puzzles me sometimes on the cryouts about racism especially from the Afro-Americans and at the same time some of them do not communicate to the African blacks as to black equality. I agree that this is an institution where whites outnumber blacks to a quadruple margin. It also is a surprising to notice that the Afro-Americans behaviors and attitudes of "I don't want to know" to where they originally belong (Africa) also to make them forget their rich and beautiful cultures. Whites are even more eager to

know about African history and culture than the Afro-Americans themselves.

We (blacks) became American citizens through different ways (either by sorrow or happiness), but the sooner we realize that we all belong to the same ancestors the better we will present our case to more attentive ears for resolutions. Quoting Marcya Cain, "It is hard being the only black person in a class, a lot of times I'm afraid to ask someone for a pencil because I don't know what they'll do." If I may be right this kind of

perception is exactly what the African blacks perceive from Afro-Americans. The Afro-Americans perceptions on African blacks created poor communications and unwelcome attitudes between them on campus. Now the questions are: How do we (blacks) cry about racism on campus while we have not been able to accommodate and undifferentiate between ourselves? Are blacks really united?

Chidi F.C. Ibezim, Jr.

Nigeria senior

Vice President, International Club

## Grave injustice

*Parthenon* should help expose Apartheid ills

### To the editor:

The time has come for a show of hands. Since this is the decade of the media, let's use it in a positive light for once. I am compelled to write this letter to the editor. For once and for all, let's set the record straight.

The Reagan and Bush administrations have done the inhabitants of South Africa a grave injustice. The system is Apartheid: Apart — hate in layman terms. These administrations have routinely downplayed their positions on this matter. The large corporations, such as Coke and Goodyear, are using a show of force on Capitol Hill with their impeccable lobbyists. If we are defenders of truth to the free world, why do we allow such brutal conditions to persist in the wake of popular support? These administrations traded arms for hostage, dressed as guerrillas of a different faction and mined harbors, and we are still wondering what was on the government's jets coming in from Colombia. However, we can't even support economic sanctions even though every country in the United Nations, except three, does.

The sanction bill 435-HR 21/S. 507 was a bill for economic sanctions against South Africa. The United Nation's vote was 135 some-odd to a paltry three. The dissenters were Israel, United Kingdom (Great Britain) and yours truly, the United States of America. So, I ask, why is that?

There are 23 million plus South African Natives, 5 million whites (European), 2 million colored (mixed) and 1 million Asians, mostly imported from India. A truly startling fact, 87 percent of the land is owned by Europeans, and 13 percent is owned by the Banutustans which is known as homelands. All Europeans are taught to shoot a gun. Why is that?

*If we are defenders of truth to the free world, why do we allow such brutal conditions to persist in the wake of popular support?*

It's time to correct the wrong. Neo-colonialism imperialism, a totally different kind of imperialism, is imposed on South African Natives today. Missionaries wanted to indoctrinate Christianity upon the African people. However, it was grossly misused.

It used education to subordinate its people not to enhance the mind. African history has been grossly mystified by historians who write their views. Mystification used solely to keep people dependent. Africa became underdeveloped due to exploitation—Africa became impoverished and Europe became wealthy.

138 corporations remain, 150 universities divested, and in 1989, 179 corporation have pulled out. For example, Mobil Corporation is claiming a high number of taxes instead of a tarnished image. Any withdrawal from U.S. will hurt the government instead of South African natives. See, the U.S. corporations only employ 1 percent of the black labor force.

I am suggesting *The Parthenon* can help by exposing the ills of Apartheid. So, let's come to a medium if I am not asking for too much. On the other hand, I do know man is in a hurry, yet time is tardy, but everything has its season.

Percy Moorman  
Danville, Va., senior

### Letters Policy

*The Parthenon* welcomes letters concerning the Marshall University community. All letters to the editor must be signed and include the address and

telephone number of the author.

Letters should be typed and no longer than 200 words. *The Parthenon* reserves the right to edit letters.

*The Parthenon is not obligated to run any letters that violate this policy.*

## Scholarship facts wrong; editor needs real story

### To the Editor:

Once again the actions of some staff writers for *The Parthenon* have irritated me. I am one the students of the Outstanding Black High School Students Program (OBHSS) which you said won't attract the best students. You have no right to criticize the program when you know nothing and I mean nothing about it. If you did take the time to **LEARN** something about it then you would have found out the program has been in effect for the past **five YEARS** and in the last **two YEARS** scholarships have been awarded.

You see, when I got into the program there were no scholarships. I came here on my own merit, and I haven't brought the university to a standstill by my being in the program. You said, "Dr. Cleckley along with President Nitzschke announced tuition waivers for black students who would enroll in the university as a freshman." You couldn't have researched enough. If you did, you would have found that these students are juniors in high school, and they still have two years to decide if they want to come to Marshall. Furthermore, you ought to know for **YOUR** records Dr. Cleckley was only asked to speak at the banquet the students had. She wasn't even here five years ago when the program started, and if I could remind you, she has not arrived on Marshall's campus as an offi-

cial employee in order to be a part of the decision making process on what scholarships should be available to students.

Pat, you said these scholarships will be paid by Marshall students who work to pay their tuition. First of all, the OBHS who receive the scholarships work. They must graduate and keep their GPA above a 2.7 and not a 2.6, which you stated. Secondly, these same students must be active in leadership positions at their respective high schools, whereas those with a 3.2 and above must achieve academic success and be active in extracurricular activities they so desire. Also, the parents of these students are taxpayers (or have you forgotten that African Americans do work) and contribute as much to the state coffers as other parents do for his or her child. In other words, Marshall students are not footing the bill for this program.

In conclusion, I would like for those of you who think the scholarships are not necessary to talk to someone who knows how the system operates. Obviously, you put pen or paper before you investigate your topic which is a no no in research. There is more to be said on the topic, so investigate it. Lastly, I think what you really want to say is, do we need more black students at Marshall? The answer is **YES!!!!**

Lisa Martin  
Minority Assistant

## Calendar Policy

*The Parthenon* has designed Calendar as a free service for campus groups and organizations to advertise their activities. Items are run on a space-available basis.

Information for Calendar must be submitted by noon two days in advance of publication on forms available in *The Parthenon* newsroom, Smith Hall Room 311.



# COE studying for national accreditation test

By Chris Dickerson  
Reporter

Although the College of Education isn't up for national accreditation until 1991, college officials have started preparing for the review and are optimistic the college will be accredited.

Dr. Taylor E. Turner, associate professor of teacher education and coordinator of the accreditation self study, said the college is in the midst of getting ready for review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). "NCATE is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the only authorized accrediting agency in the field of school personnel programs," he said.

"It's an organization that oversees the quality of many schools across the country," Turner said. "National accreditation assures the public that NCATE accredited colleges maintain national standards of quality."

**"I believe we will be totally successful. In the past, we have done rather well. Everyone is working hard and is serious about this project. We expect to come out of this very well."**

Dr. Taylor E. Turner

Because NCATE has made standards tougher, Turner said accreditation is even more important. But, he said, "I believe we will be totally successful. In the past, we have done rather well."

"Everyone is working hard and is serious about this project. We expect to come out of this very well."

He said NCATE has a two-fold mission: to require a level of quality in professional education that fosters competent practice of graduates and to encourage institutions to meet rigorous academic standards of excellence in professional education.

In West Virginia, colleges of education must participate in the NCATE program to meet state standards. "While we are compelled by the (West Virginia) Department of Education, that's not to say that we wouldn't want to otherwise," Turner said.

To get NCATE to visit the campus, the college must meet 10 pre-conditions. "The pre-conditions indicate to NCATE that we are on the right track that would warrant their visit to our campus," he said. These pre-conditions are presently being prepared and must be submitted to NCATE by the spring.

When the pre-conditions are approved, he said NCATE will schedule a visit to the campus. The tentative date of the visit is

the fall of 1991.

For the visit, the college has started a self study of five categories: knowledge bases for professional education, relationship to its world of practice, students, faculty, and governance and resources.

Eighteen standards are listed under the five categories. "The standards focus on the overall quality of the college rather than the individual programs," Turner said.

"All full-time faculty and the three deans are involved in 18 committees—one for each standard," he said.

An advisory committee has also been formed to oversee procedure and to approve the committees' work. This committee consists of the dean and two associate deans in the COE, the four division heads and the director of clinical experience.

Besides involvement of all full-time faculty, Turner said he has contacted faculty from other colleges to work on the committees. "This leads to total cooperation, which is what we need to succeed," he said.

## BOT committee extends search for chancellor, again

By David L. Swint  
Reporter

The West Virginia Board of Trustees chancellor search has been extended a second time, with applications being accepted until Dec. 11, said Joann Raines, legislative coordinator for administrative affairs.

The search's first extension was Nov. 30, extended 15 days past the original cutoff date of Nov. 15. However, the search committee added the second extension to assure that members of the business community would have a chance to respond to the

advertisement, Raines said.

A. Michael Perry, chairman of the search committee added, "The position isn't restricted only to people in higher education. Other business oriented abilities, such as administrative skills, are very desirable."

More than 50 applications have been accepted so far, with more expected from an advertisement placed in *The Wall Street Journal* and an extension of an ad placed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Perry said.

Perry said he has sent out a letter to presidents of some of the major universities

in the United States to insure the search committee has access to the top available candidates.

The board has operated with an interim chancellor, Dr. James Rowley, since July.

Perry said the board has felt very comfortable with Rowley as acting chancellor, and added his presence has given them the luxury of making a thorough search for a new chancellor.

Some of the potential candidates applications will be reviewed during the next Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 13 at Marshall University, Raines said.

The search committee will conduct additional investigations after the initial screenings to narrow the recommendations to five candidates for a final series of interviews, Perry said.

"The committee will be looking for a multiplicity of things for qualification," Perry said. He cited no specific requirements.

"We think there is a specific person who can work in the system. There's a lot of talent out there, and we're very optimistic about our selections," Perry said, adding, "We'll know 'em when we see 'em."

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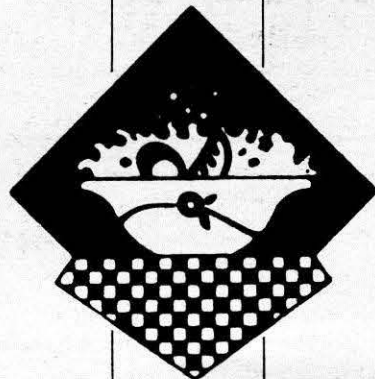
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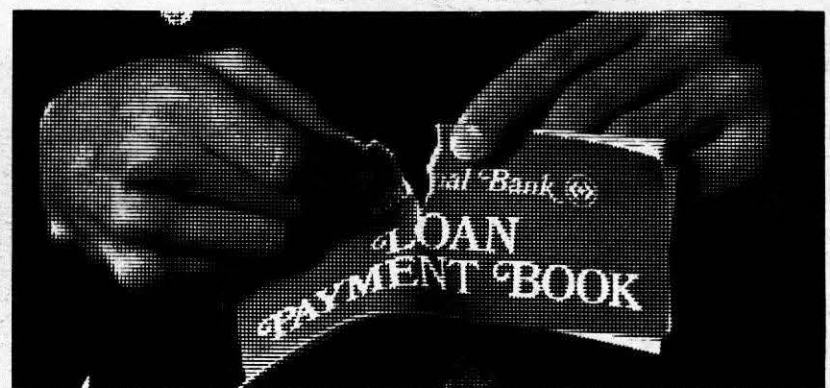
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Tri-State Transit Authority

# Buses may help ease parking problems

By Marti Leach  
Reporter

Marshall students and faculty will have another option for parking next semester when Tri-State Transit Authority and the Huntington Municipal Parking Board sponsor MU Park and Ride Passes.

Vickie Shaffer, TTA general manager, said monthly permits selling for \$15 include parking in the downtown Superblock bordered by Veterans' Boulevard, Eighth Street, and 10th Street, and unlimited bus service between the lot and campus.

The service is designed to help ease the parking crunch at the university. Commuting students have complained for years about the lack of parking near Marshall, an issue Student Body President Tracy L. Hendershot called the greatest student need.

Waiting lists for university parking spaces extend to as late as September 1986.

TTA officials expressed an interest in helping to solve Marshall's parking dilemma after SGA members threatened to picket the annual trade fair in October. University officials were considering reserving

parking lots adjacent to the Memorial Student Center for the fair.

Yvonne S. Frazier, coordinating director of the Huntington Municipal Parking Board, said the TTA permits should be available through her office at 701 Third Ave. beginning in January.

"Anyone with a valid Marshall ID can participate, and I think it's a good plan for students to take advantage of the city bus system," Frazier said.

Frazier said this plan will provide about 400 spaces to help alleviate a parking need estimated by Hendershot at 7,000 spaces.

No new service will be added to the bus line to accommodate the plan. Shaffer said participants can park downtown and board a bus going past campus every 30-40 minutes until about 5 p.m.

Shaffer said the bus line will begin creating personalized bus schedules for students and sell introductory passes providing unlimited bus service for a month.

"I never calculate success beforehand, but I think we'll be able to get people to think of the bus system as a real alternative to driving to school," she said.

## Investigation resolution rejected by city council

By Sara Stalnaker  
Reporter

A resolution that would authorize an investigation of the civic center's operation failed in a 3-4 vote during Monday's city council meeting.

Although councilman Gary Bunn moved to table the resolution because of the absence of four council members, council discussed and defeated the resolution.

Garry D. Black, council member-at-large, said Council Chairman Bill Evans has appointed a committee of four council members to conduct a routine review of the civic

center.

"This does not concern personnel changes or the morale of the employees," Black said. "The only part of this resolution council should be interested in is the lack of strict financial control of the civic center."

Bunn said he was perplexed about why this issue came up when the council is scheduled to do a routine investigation in a few weeks.

Greg Hawkins, who sponsored the resolution, is on the four-member Civic Center Advisory Committee.

He said he had hoped to find out why Sue Thomas, former civic center director, was

let go.

Hawkins said he will try to pursue the investigation, although he would rather refer to it as an inquiry. He said, "The word 'investigation' is scaring everybody to death."

Tom McAllister, a Huntington resident and political activist, asked the council about the rumored loss of \$30,000 at the last civic center event.

Jean Dean, director of administration and finance, said the civic center has never lost that amount on any single event.

Hawkins said, "About five or six years ago, we bailed out the civic center to the

tune of about \$1 million. Now they only need \$18,000 before the year is out and they will be in the black again."

Darryl Phillips, acting director of the civic center, said, "We have a budget for our whole fiscal year, but we are operating in the black now because we know what events are coming."

"We know what money will be coming in, and so we can spend some of it now. Every business operates that way."

Alvin Bowyer, bookkeeper for the civic center, also said it was operating in the black, and that he was not aware of any problems.

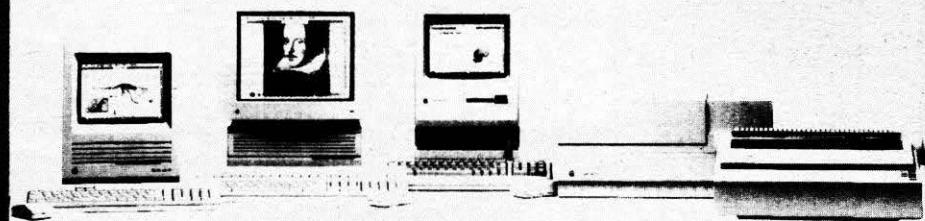
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# Attorney general, Rhodes Scholar to visit campus

By Kristin Nash  
Reporter

West Virginia Attorney General and Rhodes Scholar Roger W. Tompkins will speak at 1 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge at a reception for the Marshall community.

Tompkins will address the role of the attorney general and the attorney general's office in a five to ten minute overview, according to his press secretary Carrie L.

Webster. Webster said he will also discuss Rhodes Scholars from West Virginia and their contributions to the state.

Refreshments will be served and the reception is open to the public, according to Dr. Soo Bock Choi, professor of political science.

Choi said after speaking Tompkins will be present at the reception to answer questions.

The reception will be preceded by a Kiwanis Club luncheon at The Holiday Inn-Downtown on Fourth Avenue where

Tompkins will address Marshall faculty and community leaders, Dr. Choi said.

Tompkins is a 1958 graduate of West Virginia University. As a Rhodes Scholar, he studied at Oxford University in England, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy and economics. He then attended Yale Law School where he was elected managing editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and was a member of The Order of the COIS, a national legal honorary.

He practiced law after graduating from

Yale in 1964, and during the 1973 state legislative session worked as counsel to the senate committees on mines and mining, health and military affairs.

Tompkins was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1974, where he served four consecutive terms. He was also chairman of the Judicial Committee from 1977-78 and majority leader from 1979-82.

Tompkins was selected to serve as the state's attorney general after Charlie Brown resigned Sept. 5.

## Gun class offers experience, shot at better marksmanship

By Terri Bowens  
Reporter

Students who enjoy hunting or just want to learn to use a weapon, should set their sights on one of the firearms courses to be offered this spring. Master Sgt. Richard L. Gillispie is the senior drill instructor in charge of the ROTC Firing Range in the basement of Gullickson Hall. He also teaches Military Science 216, which explains weapon techniques, characteristics and safety procedures.

Gillispie said three sections of the class are taught each semester and 18 to 20 people may enroll in each section. In the class students will learn to use a .22-caliber rifle and

**"I have people who are avid hunters and then there are people who have never shot a gun before."**

Master Sgt. Richard L. Gillispie

pistol and the M16 rifle used by the Army National Guard. He said experience is not necessary.

"The experience varies," Gillispie said. "I have people who are avid hunters and

then there are people who have never shot a gun before."

Gillispie said all equipment is supplied by the Department of Military Science and is free for the students. Students will be shooting at the same targets used in state and national shooting matches which will enable them to shoot for score.

He said an introduction period teaches students safety procedures and the operation of the range. Hearing protection is worn while firing weapons and students are not allowed to use the range without supervision.

"We stress safety procedures," Gillispie said. "There is a great deal of control by whoever is watching over the range."

Gillispie said advanced students who want to improve shooting skills may also use the Huntington Rifle and Pistol Club's Marthar Range in Barboursville.

Use of the range is coordinated through the club's chairman. He said times are set up with the club when a student needs to practice.

Students receive two hours credit for the course. Grading is based on knowledge of the weapons, participation and marksmanship. Instead of a written test at the end of the semester, students will shoot at the target and the scores they receive will be included in the final grade. Gillispie said a plaque is awarded to the "best shooter" at the end of the course.

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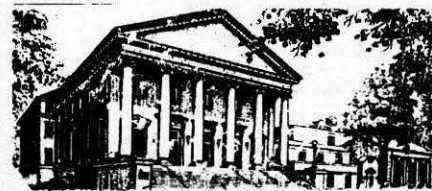
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# Sports



## Tough defense

Sophomore point guard Jill McElhinny gets the attention of University of Charleston player Christine Negy. The Eagles defeated the Herd 84-70 Monday.

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## Perdue loves Herd, job

By Kristi Huff  
Reporter

Coaches and players are easy to spot on the basketball court sidelines, but often overlooked are the athletic trainers who also have a place on the sideline.

Mark Perdue, 24, is in his second year as a trainer with Marshall men's basketball team. He is the Thundering Herd's head trainer this season after serving as an assistant last year. He said he expects to get a graduate degree in Physical Education from Marshall in May.

"I love basketball," Perdue said. "It's my favorite sport and I like to play it more than any other sport. It's hard to explain why I like it so much, but it is so competitive."

As a graduate assistant with last year's basketball team, Perdue had a number of responsibilities. He was with the team an average of 25 hours a week and was also a full-time student.

"I had a lot of responsibility with the team last year," Perdue said. "I learned not to rely on people like you can when you are a student trainer. I was making my own decisions."

But now Perdue's title has changed and he is head trainer of the team.

"I've had to get used to the coaches just like the players, and they're great," Perdue

said of the change. "The players are also good to get along with. Everyone has been cooperative. It's important to get their respect as both a trainer and a person."

Perdue said Marshall's training program is one of the best he has seen and he gives much of the credit to the student trainers. "The training facilities here at Marshall are as good as anywhere else that I've been. The cooperation of our student trainers is what makes it one of the best in the nation."

Perdue usually works seven days a week, including many holidays. The team left for the Virginia Investors Classic in Charlottesville Thanksgiving day this year. Marshall also has a scheduled practice on Christmas night, which Perdue will be required to attend.

When it comes to helping the team, however, Perdue is not alone. Dr. Jose Ricard, the team physician, and Dr. Terry Redding, who travels with the team on a Sports Medicine Fellowship, also are with the team. Scott Mercer is the new student trainer.

"I just about have total control over most of the decisions on the players," Perdue said.

"I usually have Dr. Carr or Dr. Ricard for a physician's input, and they usually back my decision I make on a player's physical status."

## Despite two early losses, Seminoles are best team

Now that Notre Dame has finally fallen, as *The Parthenon* sports staff has predicted since week one, it is time to think about which team really deserves the national championship.

It would be much easier if the NCAA would institute a playoff system for Division I-A much like the one Division I-AA already has, but that is another subject entirely. For now we are on our own when it comes to figuring out who the best team really is.

The way the bowl picture is shaping up will make picking a champion very difficult. First, it is possible that two teams will finish the season undefeated. Alabama must defeat Auburn and Miami, while Colorado has Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, which was being billed as the national championship.

Although it pains me to say it, neither of those teams will finish 12-0. It has been a Cinderella season for the Buffaloes from the beginning, but the Fighting Irish will come back from the Miami loss and end the dream. If the Crimson Tide does win at Auburn, which I doubt, then the Hurricanes will beat them in the Sugar Bowl.

Either way, Miami should finish 11-1, because Tennessee or Auburn should present even less of a test. Colorado and Notre Dame will both finish 11-1 as well, but because of regular season results will wind up behind Miami.

The next candidate for the number one spot would be Michigan. The Wolverines have only a single loss on their record, that coming in the first game of the year against Notre Dame. For the second year in a row, Bo Schembechler's team will go west to play Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl.

Last year Michigan won the game, making it two in a row for the Big 10 after it won about that many in the 10 previous years. The two conferences should return to form this year, and the Trojans will pull off the upset, knocking Michigan out of the title picture.

One problem that still has to be dealt with is the fact that even if all of this happens, Florida State would be the highest ranked team not to have lost. The Seminoles play Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl and should have little trouble posting a

Chris Stadelman  
Sports Editor



victory. That would give Florida State a 10-2 record, one game worse than all the other championship contenders.

Bobby Bowden's team is still considered a candidate by most people, however, because the two losses came in the first two weeks of the season against Southern Miss and Clemson. In addition, and most importantly, a victory over the Hurricanes is included among the nine wins. An interesting dilemma.

No team with two losses has even won the national championship. It would be difficult to justify giving it to Miami under the circumstances, however, since Florida State proved the better team when the two met.

Even a playoff system would not help answer this question, because the two already met head to head and FSU came out on top. Since the I-AA playoffs put no weight on record, and neither does the basketball tournament, then the obvious choice for the champion would be Florida State.

I realize a number of things, some very likely, some not so likely, would have to happen for Florida State to end up in this situation. The one which is least likely is an upset in the Rose Bowl, but USC has lost only twice, in the first game against Illinois and then to Notre Dame. Although it tied UCLA, that matchup is one where all the records are thrown out and emotion takes over.

Looking at history, it is hardly an upset for the PAC-10 to win the granddaddy of them all. Do any of you remember four years ago when a freshman named Eric Ball set a Rose Bowl record with 212 yards rushing after not playing all season? Strange things are not out of the ordinary.

What it all comes down to it, what you have to decide is whether the national champion is the best team in January or the best team throughout the year. There is no doubt in my mind that Florida State is the former.

## Work off extra pounds over break

After the first few weeks of Christmas break when boredom seems to set in on many people, sports lovers and those interested in working off a few extra pounds gained during the holidays will have somewhere to go if they live in the Huntington area.

Tom Lovins, director of recreational sports, said the Henderson Center racquet-

ball courts, free weightroom, Nautilus weightroom, Gullickson Hall gym and steam room all will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from December 26 to 29.

Starting Jan. 2, the same facilities will be open with extended hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for the free weightroom which still will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Gibson guest on WMUL's sports view

Soccer coach John Gibson will be the guest on WMUL 88.1's Sports View at 7 p.m. today.

Gibson, in his first year as head coach, led the team to its best record in years.

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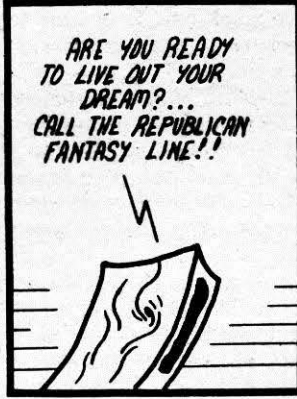
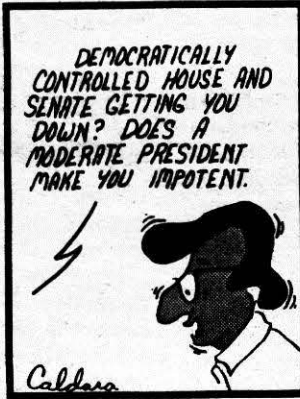
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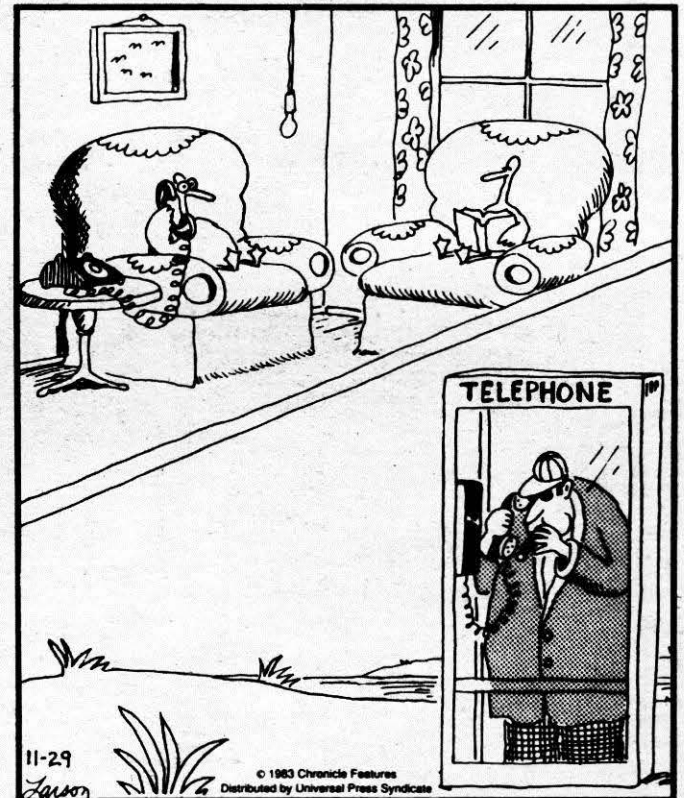
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